

Remarks

Claims 1-18, 22-28, and 30-35 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 9, 16, 22, 27, and 33 are amended, and the remaining claims are unchanged.

Claims 1-8, 10-15, 25, 26, 31, and 32 are allowed. Claims 9, 16-18, 22-24, 27, 28, 30, and 33-35 stand rejected.

Applicant's attorney discussed the rejected claims with Examiner Derakshani in a telephone interview on August 18, 2004. Independent claims 9, 16, 22, 27, and 33 have been amended as discussed and agreed upon in the interview. Specifically, claims 9, 16, and 33 have been amended to recite the limitation "to convert the load compartment into a tank"; claim 22 has been amended to recite the limitation "to convert the hopper into a tank"; and claim 27 has been amended to recite the limitation "to convert the load container into a tank." Examiner Derakshani indicated that these claims, as amended, would be allowable. Dependent claims 17, 18, 23, 24, 28, 30, 34, and 35 depend on claims 16, 22, 27, and 33, and therefore would be allowable along with their base claims.

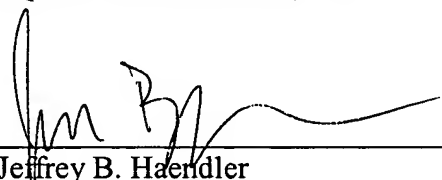
The present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any further issues remain concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss such matters.

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